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DAWN OF DC

WARRIORS BAR.
COAST CITY.

RUN!

EEEIIIII!!!

WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?!

GIMME A DRINK OF THE STRONGEST STUFF YA GOT!

GREEN STAR

I...I NEED... I NEED TO SEE SOME I.D., SIR.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHO I AM?!

PREVIOUSLY, IN *ACTION COMICS* #1064...
METROPOLIS IS UNDER SIEGE! AN ARMY OF CZARNIAN FIGHTERS HAS BEEN UNLEASHED UPON THE CITY OF TOMORROW BY THE VILLAIN BRAINIAC... BUT TO WHAT END? WITH SUPERMAN'S FAMILY CAPTURED BY THE INVASION FORCE, THE MAN OF STEEL MUST TURN TO AN UNLIKELY ALLY FOR HELP...

HOUSE OF BRAINIAC

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THE LAST CZARNIAN STANDING!

THE MERC OF MAYHEM!

BADDEST BASTICH IN THE MULTIVERSE!

SMASH

AT LEAST I WAS UNTIL I GOT STUCK ON THIS *BLUE MUDBALL.*

THOSE TWO MAD SCIENTISTS STOLE MY HOG...

...BUT THAT DON'T MATTER. BECAUSE OF SOME DUMB UNITED PLANETS QUARANTINE, I CAN'T GET A RIDE OUTTA HERE ANYWAY.

GEEKOIDS ALWAYS GET ON MY DAMN NERVES...

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WE NEED TO TALK.

OF ALL THE BARS IN ALL THE WORLDS...

YOU'RE A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES, KRYPTONIAN.

IT'S BEEN TOO LONG SINCE I HAD A REAL KNOCK-DOWN, DRAG-OUT BRAWL, ANYWAY.

C'MON, YA BOY SCOUT!

SHOW ME WHAT YA GOT!

POW

THIS IS GONNA BE FUN!

SHAZAAK

HEY NOW, YOU FINALLY LEARNING TO FIGHT DIRTY?

I LOVE--

UK!

BOOM!

HEY, WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, SUPER-JERK?!

WHERE IS BRAINIAC?!

WHAT THE FRAG ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

"...WHY WOULD I KNOW WHERE THAT UGLY GREEN ALIEN IS?!"

HEY!

DON'T YOU KNOW WHO I AM?!

NO ONE TREATS LIVEWIRE LIKE THIS!

IF YOU DON'T GET ME DOWN FROM HERE RIGHT NOW...

...YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM MY LAWYER!

ZZZZT

EEEEEEEE!!!!!!

FASCINATING...

YOUR POWERS CAME FROM AN ACCIDENT.

AND YET THEY ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE *LIGHTNING BEASTS* FROM THE MOONS OF THE PLANET WINATH.

STOP...

PLEASE...

AND *YOU*, PARASITE. YOU ABSORB *POWER* LIKE AN ENDLESS BATTERY. FOREVER HUNGRY.

YOUR SACRIFICE WILL BE WELCOME.

LEAVE THEM ALONE, YOU DIRTY HOARDER!

BACK OFF FROM LIVEWIRE AND PARASITE!

YOU WOULD DEFEND YOUR ENEMIES?

FROM *YOU?* *YEAH.*

THE MOMENT I GET OUT OF THIS BOTTLE, I'M COMING FOR *YOU* LIKE NEVER BEFORE, SO MAYBE SAVE US THE HASSLE AND JUST TAKE EVERYONE HERE BACK TO METROPOLIS.

HAVEN'T MY COUSIN AND I MESSED YOU UP ENOUGH?

WE ARE FAR FROM YOUR COUSIN AND THE YELLOW SUN THAT GIVES YOU YOUR POWERS, KRYPTONIAN.

I HAVE ENOUGH JUICE LEFT TO KICK YOUR ASS!

INDEED YOU DO. AND THAT POWER WILL BE *MINE.*

ALONG WITH YOUR FAMILY'S AND WHATEVER ELSE I NEED.

TAKE METALLO NEXT.

HIS METAL FRAME IS UNIQUE AND CAN BE USED.

C'MON, *BRAINIAC,* TALK DOWN TO ME SOME MORE.

I THOUGHT YOUR GAME WAS STEALING CITIES AND HOARDING INFORMATION. WHAT'S YOUR DEAL *NOW?*

AFTER ALL MY TRAVELS, I HAVE OBTAINED THE KNOWLEDGE OF *EVERYTHING.* ALL SECRETS HAVE BEEN UNLOCKED FOR ME ACROSS TIME, SPACE, AND THE MULTIVERSE.

AND YET SOMETHING IS MISSING. I HAVE STUDIED THE PATTERNS AND DATA AND HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT I...I...MUST...

...CREATE SOMETHING... TSK

CREATE TSK SOME... THING...

...NEW...

UGH...

WHOA, HE'S BROKEN...

YEAH...BUT LOOK...

COME WITH US, BRAINIAC PRIME.

TAKE ME TO...

...MY COOLING CHAMBER...

UM...WERE THERE ALWAYS MORE THAN ONE OF HIM?

NOT LIKE THIS, KENAN. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON HERE...

...BUT I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD WAIT AROUND TO FIND OUT WHY.

MR. LUTHOR.

WHEN BRAINIAC WAS TALKING THROUGH LL-01, HE SAID YOU ***KNEW*** THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN...THAT YOU WERE ***SCARED?***

WHAT WAS HE TALKING ABOUT? IS THIS REALLY WHY YOU MADE...

"...SUPERCORP?"

ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN TRUST HIM?

YOU AND LOBO ARE NOT EXACTLY ***FRIENDS.***

BUT HE'S A MAN OF HIS WORD.

AND HE'S OUR BEST LEAD ON WHERE BRAINIAC WENT. I HATE TO LEAVE NOW, BUT--

BUT THE CITY WILL BE SAFE WHILE YOU'RE GONE.

JON'S ON A MISSION WITH THE TITANS. POWER GIRL, JOHN HENRY, AND NATASHA ARE STILL HERE...THEY CAN HELP WITH THE WRECKAGE AND ALSO KEEP THE CITY SAFE.*

*SEE *POWER GIRL* #8 NEXT WEEK! --PK

GO GET OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. GET OUR BABIES.

AND KICK BRAINIAC'S ***ASS.***

I WILL.

FRAG ME!

YOU WEREN'T PULLING MY CHAIN.

THERE HAVE BEEN PRETENDERS TO THE THRONE, NO DOUBT. BUT THESE AIN'T ***CLONES*** OR LIKE ***CRUSH***...THEY LOOK LIKE THE REAL DEAL...AND I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEY'RE DOIN' WORKING WITH BRAINIAC.

THIS ONE...RIGHT HERE. THAT LOOKS LIKE ***GENERAL CHACAL.***

HE'S THE ***O.G.*** MAIN MAN. I HEARD STORIES. ***LEGENDS.***

HIS GANG WAS ***MASSIVE***...IF I TOLD YOU WHAT THEY WERE CALLED IN THE CZARNIAN LANGUAGE IT WOULD MAKE YOUR HEAD EXPLODE, BUT IT ROUGHLY TRANSLATES TO...THE ***BAD BLOOD.***

THE STORY WAS HE TOOK OVER A WHOLE DAMN ***CITY***...BUT IT ***DISAPPEARED.*** I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS FRAGGING SCARY STORIES TO TELL WHINY BABIES... BUT...

OKAY, SUPES, ***I'M IN.*** I'LL HELP YOU TRACK DOWN MY LONG-LOST PEOPLE.

BUT IT AIN'T GONNA BE EASY, KIDS. HOW'RE YOU ESCAPING THE ***UNITED PLANETS?****

BRAINIAC'S BIG BRAIN AND TECH HAVE BEEN SNEAKING AROUND THE UNIVERSE FOR CENTURIES UNDETECTED, BUT ***US...?***

*THE UNITED PLANETS HAS QUARANTINED EARTH IN THE PAGES OF *GREEN LANTERN*! --PK

ACTUALLY... WE THINK WE HAVE A SOLUTION TO GET PAST THE UNITED PLANETS LANTERNS' QUARANTINE.

IF WE GAVE YOU A SMALL ENOUGH SPACE VEHICLE WITH CLOAKING TECHNOLOGY, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO SNEAK PAST THEM.

WHAT ***KIND*** OF SPACE VEHICLE?

LAST ONE THERE IS A ROTTEN EGG!

TRY TO KEEP UP, SELLOUT! I CAN SMELL THAT CZARNIAN STENCH AHEAD OF US!

BE CAREFUL, LOBO.

WE'RE APPROACHING THE U.P.'S QUARANTINE LINE... IF WE'RE NOT MINDFUL, THEY'LL DETECT US.

THEN WE BETTER SEE WHAT THESE SPACEHOGS CAN REALLY DO.

VRROOOM

STEADY, LOBO... IF THEY DETAIN US IN ANY WAY, BRAINIAC'S SHIP WILL ONLY GET FARTHER AWAY...

HOPEFULLY YOUR ***SUPERCORP*** BIG BRAINS ARE AS ***SMART*** AS THEY ***SAY*** THEY ARE...

DID IT! TAKE THAT, YA UNITED BASTICHES!

YO, SUPES, I GOTTA TELL YOU SOMETHING...I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU ***FUMING*** LIKE THIS.

I ALWAYS FIGURED YOU NEVER GETTING ANGRY WAS A ***WEAKNESS*** YOU HAD. LIKE THE ***KRYPTONITE*** JUNK.

WE'VE HAD OUR BATTLES, LOBO. I'M SURE YOU'VE SEEN ME MAD BEFORE.

NOT LIKE THIS. IT'S IN YOUR ***EYES.*** YOUR PRESENCE. A ***RUMBLING*** INSIDE YOU.

YOU KNOW WHEN SOMEONE WALKS INTO A ROOM, AND YOU CAN FEEL THE AIR CHANGE AROUND YOU?

THAT'S ***YOU*** RIGHT NOW.

AND I'M ***DIGGING IT.***

MY FATHER USED TO SAY THAT WHEN YOU YELL IN ANGER, PEOPLE DON'T HEAR WHAT YOU SAID, THEY ONLY REMEMBER THAT YOU YELLED.

AND YOU BUY THAT?

SOMETIMES.

LISTEN... I DON'T WANT TO GET ALL INTO OUR FEELINGS AND JUNK, BUT ANGER...ANGER CAN BE A *GOOD* THING.

I'VE LEARNED THE HARD WAY THAT YOU GOTTA LET YOURSELF FEEL IT. YOU GOTTA DEAL WITH IT.

OR YOU'LL *BLOW UP.*

HM.

YOU KNOW WHAT'S FUNNY? WHEN YOU AND I FIRST MET, WE WERE THE LAST SONS OF OUR WORLDS.

AND NOW LOOK AT US...YOU GOT A KID, I GOT A KID. FAMILIES GROWING...

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT IT?

HONESTLY? I--

BOOM BOOM

THE LANTERNS MUST HAVE SEEN US.

NAH...

...IT'S FAMILY REUNION TIME.

WELL, WELL, WELL, LOOKEE HERE...

SUPERMAN BROUGHT ALONG A LITTLE FRIEND.

IT'S NOT EVERY DAY YOU GET TO MEET YOUR IDOL.

LOBO, HOLD ON, WE--

BUT YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY...

YOU WANT TO BE THE MAIN MAN...

...YOU GOTTA BEAT THE MAIN MAN!

"THE CZARNIANS HAVE ENCOUNTERED SUPERMAN."

"HE BROUGHT LOBO WITH HIM."

GOOD.

WE WILL NEED AS MANY CZARNIANS AS WE CAN COLLECT.

I WILL NEED ALL THE RESOURCES AT MY DISPOSAL...

THE POWER WE'VE HARVESTED IS NOT ENOUGH...

PATIENCE.

DID YOU DO AS I REQUESTED?

THEY DID...

I'M GLAD YOU FINALLY CAME TO YOUR SENSES AND FREED ME.

YOU AND I HAVE A LONG HISTORY.

ENOUGH THAT I CAN ENTERTAIN YOUR PLEAS. ***SPEAK*** YOUR MIND, LUTHOR.

YOU WERE RIGHT. I DID SEE SOMETHING INSIDE YOUR MIND THAT SCARED ME. AN ***IDEA*** THAT WAS LIKE A VIRUS WAITING TO STRIKE.

IT WAS PROOF THAT TOO MUCH KNOWLEDGE CAN BE ***DANGEROUS.***

BUT I ALSO KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING TO YOU ***NOW.***

YOU NEED MY HELP.

WHY DO I NEED YOU WHEN I HAVE ***HER?***

YOU WERE WISE TO HIDE ***LENA*** FROM ME, LUTHOR. HER TIME WITH ME IN THE FUTURE MADE HER MIND UNIQUE IN ALL THE UNIVERSE.

IF YOU AGREE TO LEAVE MY DAUGHTER OUT OF THIS...

...I CAN GIVE YOU SUPERMAN.

LEX, WHAT ARE YOU UP TO NOW...?

PROCESS THIS ONE NEXT.

WHAT?! STOP!

HEY! LEAVE HER...

...ALONE!

YOUR SCREAMS ARE NOT GOING TO EVEN CRACK THAT GLASS, ***SILVER BANSHEE.***

THE CHAINED SAID SOMETHING TO ME ABOUT MY POWERS, HOW I WASN'T USING THEM TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL...

I WANT TO HEAR THIS, KON, I DO...

BUT WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE AND HELP LANA, BEFORE ONE OF THESE BRAINIACS TAKES US ***NEXT.***

THE ROOTS OF BRAINIAC'S TECHNOLOGY ARE FROM ***COLU.***

AND ONCE UPON A FUTURE I WAS CLOSE TO ***A*** BRAINIAC...

...AND HE SHOWED ME A FEW TRICKS...

TZZ-TK

RREEEE--

KRASK

OH NO... OUR POWERS ARE STILL GONE...

UH, KARA... I THINK WE HAVE A...*SMALLER* PROBLEM...

HOUSE OF BRAINIAC

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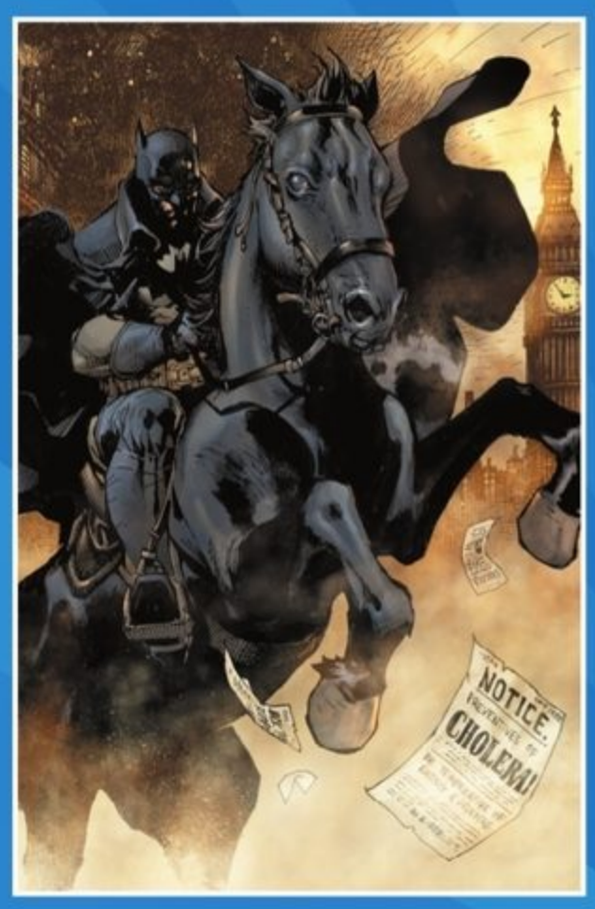

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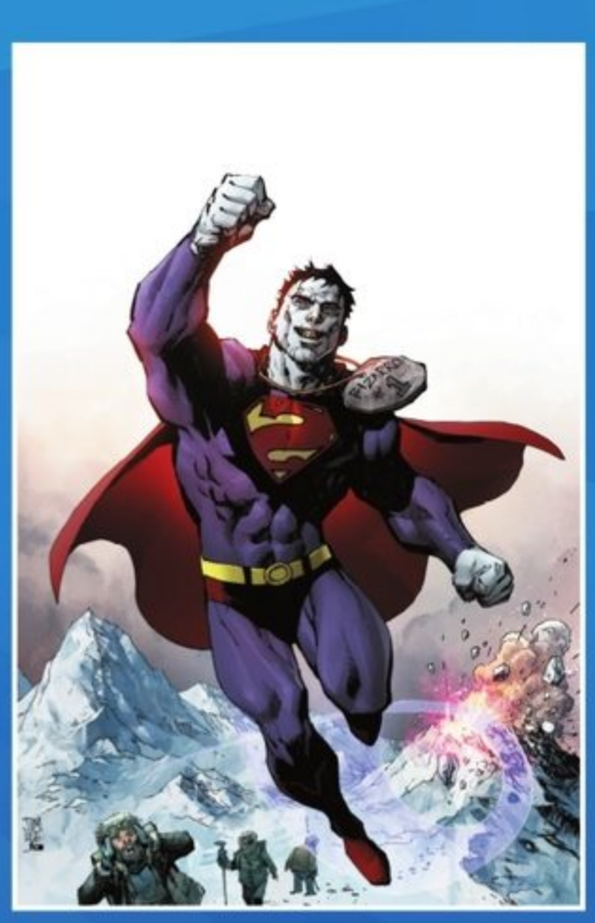

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RAMONA FRADON

Pioneering comics artist Ramona Fradon (1926-2024) leaves behind an unrivaled 70-plus years in the industry, much of it spent at DC, where she co-created Metamorpho and served as the defining artist of Aquaman's Silver Age.

Recently, Fradon returned to DC for variant covers proving she was still very much at the top of her game until the very end, including spectacular multicharacter Women's History Month variant covers for *Catwoman* #63, *Wonder Woman* #7, and *Power Girl* #7, on sale now.

Check out Fradon's Women's History Month covers here—inked by Sandra Hope and colored by Trish Mulvihill—and join DC in celebrating this comics legend!

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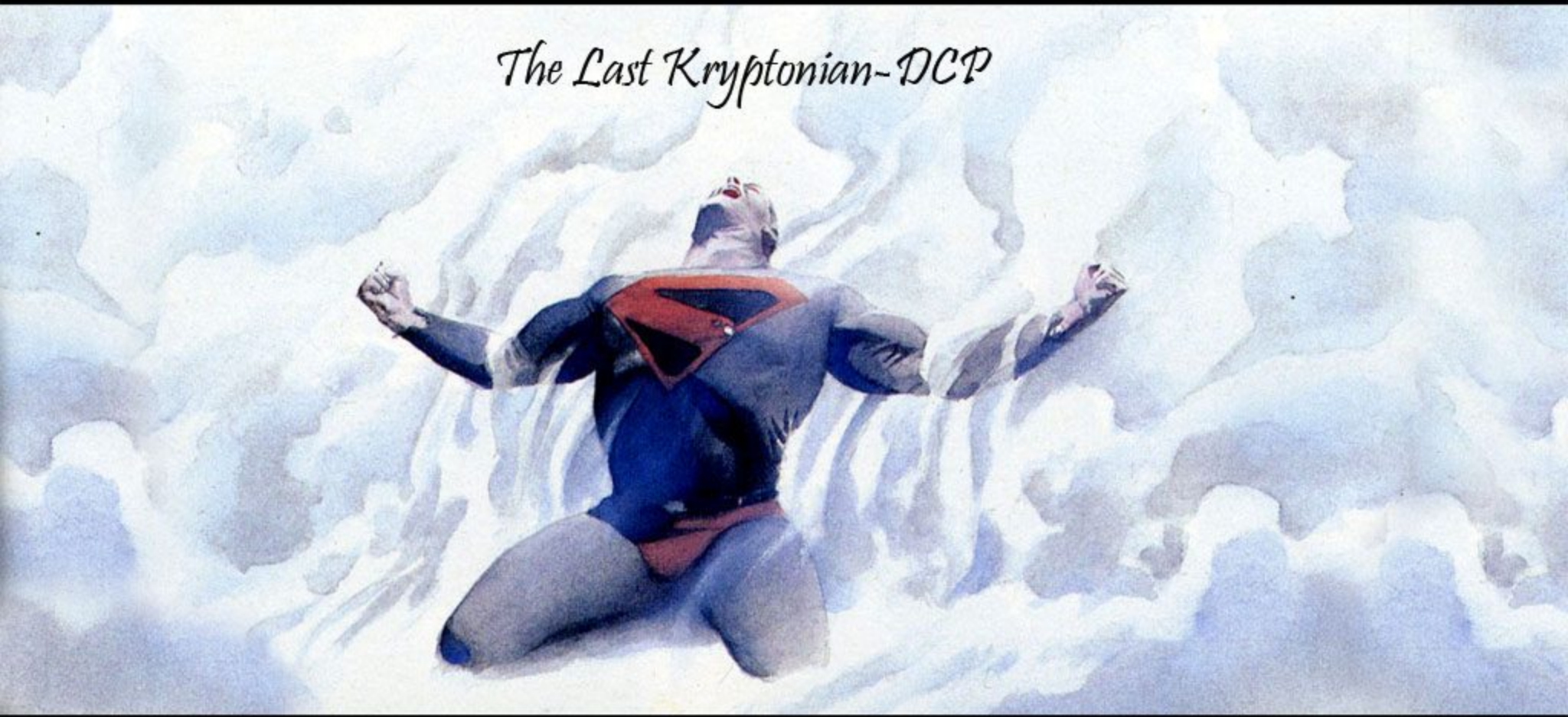
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